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## IN SANE

Since the 1950s a group called SANE has been busily engaged in efforts to "ban the bomb," get the United States out of Vietnam, block the production of the B-1 bomber, stop the complete use of the Cruise Missile and to eliminate a host of other projects essential to the defense of the United States.

SANE's alleged thinking is that if the United States would cut back its defense capability and let the Soviets see how friendly we are, that the Soviets would trust us and begin cutting back their military and defense efforts. The Soviets like the ideas proposed by SANE, and SANE's program has become so popular with the Russians that they frequently drop by its Washington office to pick up the literature and keep current on SANE's activities. According to SANE, its headquarters has become a regular stop on the orientation tour for incoming Soviet officials, many of whom we are told are KGB agents.

The fallacy of SANE's thinking should be clear to all by now. The so-called "Hawks" in the Congress who foolishly subscribe to this theory have slowed down our defense efforts to the point where the United States, which once enjoyed a 4-to-1 military edge over the Soviets, has now slipped to the second spot on the totem pole. The small "peace at any price" group in the Congress must be held accountable for its activities over the past 15 years.

We ought to send some of the SANE folks to work in Moscow to find out how the Russian system really works. We think they have been "naive" long enough and should get the facts and change their tactics...or accept the title "INSANE."

## CRIME

In March **American Cause** reported that 52 Americans had lost their lives in terrorist bombings during the first 11 months of 1975. According to recent FBI reports, 28 persons have died from bombings during the first six months of 1976. This spread of death and terrorism must be stopped.

Legislation to curtail terrorism has been introduced by Senators James Allen (Ala.)

and Robert Byrd (W.Va.). It calls for mandatory 2-year minimum prison sentences for those convicted of murder, rape, or aggravated assault and robbery. We think bombers should be put away for 10 years.

It is bad enough that we have to live in communities where terrorism and rising crime make it unsafe to leave our homes after dark, but we are forced to pay the bill for those who create this condition. Government figures put the annual cost of crime at \$90 billion, which amounts to more than \$400 for each adult and child in the United States. In addition, the average U.S. family has to pay approximately \$100 per year for the "hidden tax" caused by shoplifting, which has become so widespread it is nearly an epidemic.

Crime prevention and reduction in the crime rate demands the immediate attention of Congress, all of the state assemblies and our local governments. There is a weakness in the system, and whether it be with the Congress, the courts, or the national and local law enforcement organizations, it should be identified and corrected immediately. American households are truly tired of being charged \$90 billion each year just to be haunted by criminals and troublemakers.

## GUN CONTROL ACTIVITY

A new group has emerged to wage the ever-increasing fight for gun control. Grandly described as the National Gun Control Center (NGCC), the organization lists a Washington, D.C. address and creates the impression that it will turn the Nation's Capital into a hotbed of gun control activity.

**American Cause** became interested in the National Gun Control Center and sent one of its investigators to look into this prestigious sounding outfit. It turned out that the Washington office contained one person to answer the telephone. We were told that the "real" work takes place in Montgomery, Ala. The "work" referred to consists of printing anti-gun decals, taking the statements of gun ownership supporters out of context, and circulating every conceivable horror story about the evils of owning a gun.

The National Gun Control Center describes its activities as a massive public education program and

really not a lobbying effort at all. The gun control plan is to fill the legislators' field of vision with thousands of decals on automobiles, walls, and other places (outhouses?) to show the "spontaneous" public will and desire for gun control legislation.

Senator Murphy recalls a similar effort eight years ago when he received 27,000 letters against gun control over one long weekend, and which left no doubt whatsoever in his mind as to the desires of the great majority of our citizens in this matter. Like many other questionable proposals, gun control would seem to invade our rights as guaranteed under the Constitution. This legislation reappears regularly; each time it is well-financed, well-organized and designed to fool well-meaning citizens. That is our purpose in bringing it to the attention of our members.

Incidentally, we discovered that the national committee of this organization includes Retired Admiral Gene LaRocque, whose Center for Defense Information has long been busy trying to disarm the United States. Also on the board are Charles Morgan, Jr., long-time leader of the American Civil Liberties Union; Archibald Cox, the former Special Prosecutor and thriving martyr of the left, and Theodore Sorensen, one of the advisers during the Bay of Pigs debacle. All in all, the national committee list reads like the ever-present Who's Who of the liberal establishment.

No matter how big a media blitz the National Gun Control Center may finally produce, it will not change the facts. The greater preponderance of American people do not want gun control.

## DEFENSE

The **New York Times** on August 31 reported that the Soviet Navy has more than three times as many submarines as the United States.

In a foreword to the 1976-77 edition of **Jane's Fighting Ships**, its editor, Captain John E. Moore, a former deputy chief of British Naval Intelligence, wrote: "When in the past a country with few overseas financial or colonial interests has embarked on the building of a considerable fleet, the true aims of the ships concerned have proved to be not only protection of the homeland and the sea lines of communications which run to it, but also aggressive activities designed to support national policy."

**We hope Secretary Kissinger will take note.**

In the same edition of the **New York Times**, excerpts from **Aviation Week** and **Space Technology Magazine** stated that the Russians are gaining the lead in nuclear ballistic weapons. Approved For Release 2004/10/28 : CIA-RDP88-01314B000100010005-4

clear weapons is continuing despite treaties designed to maintain balances.

It seems that we recall Khrushchev once saying, "treaties--like pie crust--are meant to be broken." The Russians have certainly demonstrated this line of thinking ever since their recognition as a government during the regime of President Franklin Roosevelt.

## WORTH SEEING

**Adam Smith and the Wealth of Nations**, a 28-minute color film, is available free of charge through Modern Talking Picture Service, 2000 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

This film deals with the Free Enterprise System and is recommended.

## SALT II

According to the latest reports in Washington, the proposed SALT II agreements between the United States and the Soviet Union call for a limitation of 2,400 strategic delivery vehicles. Once again this will put the United States at a gross disadvantage.

One of the main points of disagreement has to do with the U.S. Cruise Missile and the communist Backfire Bomber. The Russians insist that the United States include its Cruise Missiles within the above figure limitation. The United States insists that the Cruise Missile is not, I repeat, **not** a strategic delivery vehicle. At the same time, the Soviets have a new supersonic bomber which is without question a strategic delivery system. They have tested and deployed a number of these, but the communists refuse to concede they are a strategic delivery system and, therefore, refuse to count these bombers as part of the 2,400.

Defense Secretary Rumsfeld, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other trusted military experts strongly oppose the new SALT II proposal, claiming the Backfire is indeed a strategic weapon. Despite reports which have been surreptitiously spread, Secretary Kissinger once again is inclined to accept the Russian's conditions and further appease our only present potential enemy.

There can be no question but that the SALT I agreement dealt a severe blow to our defense capability by limiting our defense posture. Some think that SALT II will destroy it completely.

There are many other specific details involved which are not mentioned here. The communists enthusiastically oppose SALT II as it has been thus far described. Once again,

**American Cause** does not understand why those in charge of our foreign policy continue to pursue a theory which has been proved to be unsound, unworkable, and not in the best interest of the United States. Would somebody please insist that the State Department look at the record and face up to the known, experienced facts.

We are preparing two in-depth studies done by top-rated, expert scientists, which will be published as a "Special Report" in the near future. Watch for them. They will be most revealing.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

A bill which has been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, but which has not yet been signed into law would be, in our opinion, an open invitation to election fraud and would be possibly one of the worst pieces of legislation to be passed in our entire history.

Under this bill, all you would have to do in order to vote is visit your local post office, fill out a form, and drop it in the mail box. Not only would this ridiculous proposal create an overwhelming temptation to those who would operate elections dishonestly, but it would also create a new agency to be launched with a modest \$50 million cost, which could go, according to the testimony, as high as \$500 million.

Without a requirement for the voter to appear in person and properly qualify and identify himself, we can expect greater numbers of deceased people to be casting their ballots and many of the living dropping more than one post card in the mail box at election time.

Our political system has undergone enough unneeded punishment lately. We object to the integrity of the ballot being destroyed by such a ridiculous procedure.

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## THE CANAL ZONE

In a period when energy conservation is of vital concern, the proposed giveaway of the Panama Canal makes less sense than ever. Without the Canal, an additional fuel cost for an average 12,000-ton vessel (going around rather than through the Canal) would amount to \$49,000 which, of course, would have to be passed on to the consumer.

The fuel-consumption cost factor was raised by Rep. Gene Snyder (Ky.) when he introduced a bill to do something positive with our Canal rather than give it away. Snyder's bill calls for a halt to further surrender negotiations coupled with the commencement of long-overdue Canal modernization.

An expansion of the waterway as proposed by Snyder would increase the usage of the Canal and thus provide greater revenues to the Republic of Panama. Given a choice, most Americans would opt for improving our Canal instead of lessening our sovereignty and retention under the threat of guerrilla warfare.

The State Department seems to worry more about a two-bit guerrilla general than the general welfare. **American Cause** must ask again, who wants to give it away and why?

## CAMBODIA

"Communism wouldn't work in the United States, but for some countries it's the best system and besides it's such a noble idea." Many of you will recognize that weary line or some variation on its theme as one of the favorite Liberal cliches. The phrase is used to portray anti-communism as narrow-minded, bigoted, and meddlesome.

Cambodia was one of those countries most frequently presented as ideally suited for a union with communism. The idea was that such "simple" people would be happy under the tender treatment that a well-organized communist people's republic promised.

Some time has passed since the event took place, and the Cambodian people, if they were free to speak, might question just how well the Liberal theory has worked in practice. Since the communists took over, thousands of Cambodians have been killed.

Private ownership of all property has been totally eliminated. It is no longer permissible for a peasant to exhibit such capitalistic tendencies as attempting to grow extra food to feed self and family. Money has been similarly abolished, with the economy dragging along on a primitive basis of barter. If that is progress, it's the variety that should be avoided like the plague. Those who work do so at government dictate, and receive no wages. In fact, it is known by the simpler name of slavery. In today's world, slavery in a

### **CORRECTION**

Article titled IN SANE, paragraph three (3), should read as follows:

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